

REMARKS

Claims 38-64 are pending in the application.

Claims 38-64 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of co-pending U.S. Serial No. 10/754,264. Further claims 38-64 have been rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6, 723,041 in view of Johnson (U.S. Patent No. 3,855,715). In response, Applicant is resubmitting a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections.

Applicant filed a Terminal Disclaimer on August 2, 2005, which was not accepted by the Office since the undersigned was not recognized as an officer of the Assignee. Applicant is filing a Power of Attorney concurrently herewith so that the undersigned attorney has the authority to act on behalf of Applicant.

The Examiner has crossed through the references filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 12, 2005. It is believed that some of the reference in the Information Disclosure Statement were duplicative of references filed in earlier-filed Information Disclosure Statements. The undersigned apologizes for any inconvenience to the Examiner in trying to reconcile duplicative references. Filed concurrently herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement containing only those prior art references not appearing on a prior-filed Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 38-64 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of the application, the undersigned can be reached at (310) 824-5555.

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